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SOVIET ARMY SUPPLY IN GERMANY

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Supply Installations

4. [REDACTED] supply installations in East Germany:

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a. Dry Rations¹.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the entire Potsdam garrison drew its supplies at Satzkorn
(N 52-27, E 12-59).

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b. Clothing and Repair Equipment

Clothing and shoe repair equipment, such as, soles, heels, etc., was obtained by the 10th Sep. Gd. Bn. from a warehouse in Bernau (N 52-40, E 13-35)

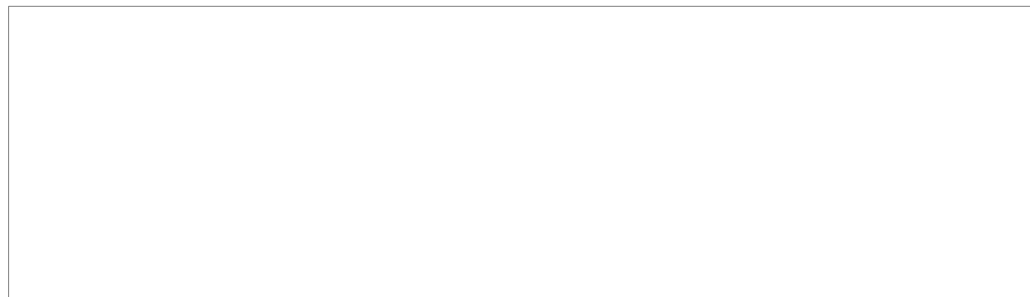
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c. POL

the installations which supplied the 10th Sep. Gd. Bn. with POL were located somewhere in the greater Berlin area.

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Supply Levels

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(For the unit emergency food reserve, see Paragraph 27), of this report.

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Ammunition

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during the 17 June 1953 Berlin riots, all EM in his unit were issued two drums of 72 rounds of ammunition for their SMG's. the qualification courses called for nine rounds of 7.62 mm. SMG ammunition and three rounds were for the 7.62 mm. M1944 Mossin-Nagant carbine.

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weapons' firing was conducted three or four times a year during the summer training period. There were approximately 211 7.62 mm. SMG's, 30 7.62 mm. carbines, 36 7.62 mm. Tokarev pistols, 30 7.62 mm. Degtyarev DP LMG's, and 9 or 12 7.62 mm. Goryunov HMG's in his battalion. during the three or four firing sessions during the summer training period in 1953, a total of 5,800 to 7,700 rounds of SMG ammunition and 300 to 400 rounds of carbine ammunition was expended. In addition, a very small amount of ammunition was expended when the weapons were zeroed on a small range located in the battalion compound.

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Combat Rations

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(For data on emergency rations see Paragraph 27), below.

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Fuel

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about 1,000 lit. were needed to fill the tanks of the 20 vehicles in the 10th Sep. Gd. Bn.²

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there was a standard consumption chart for computing fuel expenditures The 10th Sep. Gd. Bn. motor pool had two 200-300 lit. barrels of gasoline for emergency use.

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Engineer, Chemical, and Medical Equipment and Storage

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the men had only Shlem-1 gas masks which were kept in racks in the billets with the individual weapons.

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UNIT SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE

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supply paperwork was channeled through the Bn. Supply Officer

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Meat was drawn from a local slaughterhouse twice each week; vegetables were purchased on the German market. Potatoes were procured each fall from local farmers in 100-ton lots and stored in the PFS warehouse basement. Sauerkraut and pickles were obtained from a German canning factory outside of Potsdam in 100 kg. barrels. Dry rations, such as, groats, macaroni, sugar, and tea, were drawn from the warehouse in Satzkorn every fifteen days, the first and third weeks of each month.

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13. Clothing was delivered to the battalion twice a year from the warehouse in Bernau and kept on the second floor of the battalion food and clothing warehouse.

14. four 50-gr. packs of tobacco to each man; the tobacco was picked up by company clerks.

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Transportation of Supplies

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food was hauled in a GAZ-63 truck. Transportation used to transport supplies was organic to the battalion and was controlled by the Bn. Supply Officer

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Transportation by Horse-Drawn Vehicles

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horse-drawn transportation used to haul bread, vegetables, and laundry for the Potsdam hospital. The teamsters were usually Germans.

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Transportation of POL

17.

POL supplies were picked up from an unknown dump by the leader of the Motor Platoon, 10th Sep. Gd. Bn. Gasoline was hauled in 200-300 lit. drums and transferred to an underground storage tank of unknown capacity. The tank was located next to the Bn. Vehicle Repair Shop.

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Driver Training and Maintenance Facilities

19. Source attended a 7th Mecz. Div. Motor Transport School in Katchendorff (N 52-22, E 14-04) from April 1954 to June 1954. In addition to driver training, he received instruction in maintenance of vehicles.

Repair and Storage Facilities

20. The 10th Sep. Gd. Bn. had a small auto repair shop in which most repairs were made on vehicles. A tailor and shoe repair shop were also maintained in the ballation. The repair of minor weapons was made in the battalion ordnance room.

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SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE OF INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENTClothing and Equipment Issue

21. [redacted] a sverkhazhchnik (reenlistee), was issued the following items of clothing and equipment:

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Description & Remarks</u>
1	pullover tunic (gimnastyorka)	cotton	OD	Issued for a six-month period. When a new one was issued, the old one was retained as part of the service uniform.
1 pr.	breeches (sharovary)	cotton cotton	white	See above.
2 pr.	footwraps (summer)	cotton	white	Issued for six months and exchanged in the winter for flannel footwraps.
1	garrison cap	cloth	OD	Exchanged in the fall for a winter ear cap.
1	winter ear cap (ushanka)	fur and flannel	gray	Issued for the winter season to be worn instead of a garrison cap.
1 set	underwear (summer)	cotton	red, yellow, green, and blue	Sent to laundry every ten days.
1 pr.	boots	cowhide	black	Issued for a ten-month period.

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Description & Remarks</u>
1	overseas cap (pilotka)	cotton	OD	Issued for the summer period.
1	belt (for tunic)	cowhide	tan	Issued for the entire period of service.
1	belt (for trousers)	web or leather	tan	Issued for the entire period of service.
1	overcoat	wood and cotton	gray	Issued for the entire period of service. Stored away for the summer.
1	short coat (bushlat)	cotton	OD	Issued for the entire period of service.
1 pr.	trousers (dress uniform)	wool and cotton	dark blue	Used during parades, political gatherings, and, occasionally, for formations. Issued for the entire period of service.
1	blouse (kitel')	wool and cotton	OD	Same as dress trousers (above).
1 set	winter underwear	flannel	white	
1 pr.	gloves	flannel	OD	Issued for the winter season.
1 pr.	coveralls (kombinezon)	cotton	black or OD	Issued to drivers, tankers, and other technical troops.

The only noticeable difference in the issue of clothing between the conscripted EM and the reenlistee was that the tunics and breeches worn by reenlistees were identical to those worn by officers.

a reenlistee was issued a new overcoat

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In addition to the above, the following organization equipment was issued

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<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Description & Remarks</u>
1	rucksack	cotton	OD	For mess gear, canteen, entrenching tool.
2	bed sheets	cotton	white	Exchanged every ten days.
2	pillow cases	cotton	white	Exchanged every ten days.
1	blanket	flannel	blue	
1	mattress	cotton		

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Repairs

22. Minor repairs for small snags and loose buttons on clothing were the individual soldier's responsibility. Any larger repair needed on the uniform was done in the unit tailor shop.

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23.

Loss and Wearout of Individual Equipment

24. When an EM lost an article through theft or negligence, he had to pay for it. New clothing was issued every six months.

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25. The typical year-round ration was the following:

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Daily Allowance</u>
Bread	800 gr. (summer) 900 gr. (winter)
Groats (kasha)	70 gr. (dry weight)
Macaroni	80 gr. (dry weight)
Meat	150 gr. (100 gr. for dinner, 50 gr. for supper)
Sugar	35 gr. (20 gr. for breakfast, 15 gr. for supper)
Tea leaves	1 gr. (for breakfast and supper)
Lard	30 gr.
Vegetables	500 gr. (usually in soups)
Vegetable oil	20 gr. (used for cooking)

Special Rations

26. At the hospital in Potsdam milk and eggs in addition to the ordinary ration items.

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25X1Emergency Rations

27. In the 10th Sep. Gd. Bn. warehouse emergency food supply (neprikosnovenniy zapas) consisted of the following items:

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Crackers	500 kg.
Groats	300 kg.
Canned fish	4 kg. (for officers)
Canned meats	500 kg.
Margarine	775 kg.
Macaroni	200 kg.
Sugar	50 kg.
Pastry (cookies)	4 kg. (for officers)
Tea	2 kg.
Condiments	Unknown (small amounts of salt, pepper, vinegar, etc.)

28. In April 1954 [redacted] battalion received an order to use up old stocks of emergency rations and replace them with fresh stocks. The fresh stocks contained 500 kg. of crackers, whereas the old stocks contained 900 kg. and margarine was substituted for lard. [redacted] the emergency rations [redacted] were placed in a separate part of the warehouse and never broken down or distributed.

FINANCE AND PX FACILITIES

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Pay Scales

30.

[redacted] EM received their pay in East Marks. Rubles were deposited in a bank in the USSR or sent as allotments to relatives.

Pay Procedures

31.

[redacted] all [redacted] reenlistees in the 10th Sep. Gd. Bn., were paid by the Finance Officer (NachFin) about the 10th of each month. There was no formal pay-call ceremony; [redacted] merely told by the Finance Officer to report for [redacted] pay. EM in the companies of the 10th Sep. Gd. Bn. were paid about the 18th of each month at a special pay formation.

Post Exchanges

32.

A PX (voyentorg) existed in the 10th Sep. Gd. Bn. until 1952 or 1953, when it was replaced by a department store (univermag). All officers and EM in the compound, as well as all officers and EM authorized to visit the compound, were permitted to make purchases at the store. Germans who occasionally worked on roads and buildings in the compound were also allowed to buy items at the department store.

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[redacted] items and prices at the univermag: 25X1

<u>Item</u>	<u>Manufacture</u>	<u>Price in East Marks</u>
Candies	German	7.00 to 24.00 per kg.
Cigarettes	Soviet brands	
	"Sever"	.90 for 25
	"Krasnaya Zvezda"	.75 for 25
	"Belo Mor Kanal"	1.50 for 25
	"Prima"	2.00 for 25
	"Drug"	4.00 for 25
Vodka	Soviet	8.50 for one half liter
Pocket watch ("Norma")	German	8.50
Pocket watch (four-jewel)	German	28.00
Wrist watch (15-jewel)	German	120.00
Wrist watch (no jewels)	German	40.00
Man's suit	German	180.00 to 200.00

SOVIET ARMY TRANSPORTATION

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Motor Transport

4. [redacted] motor transport was used by the Soviets to move personnel and equipment during maneuvers and training when short distances were involved. When moving from winter to summer quarters, heavy equipment, such as tanks, SP's, etc., was transferred by rail.

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[redacted] the prescribed distance between trucks was determined by the speed. If a vehicle travelled at 30 km. per hour, the distance should be 30 m., or a meter's distance between vehicles for each kilometer reading on the speedometer.5 [redacted]

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MEDICAL DATA

First Aid Training

36. [redacted] there was an annual first aid class which lasted two hours. The class was conducted by a battalion medical officer who gave demonstrations in bandaging and the application of tourniquets [redacted] 25X1

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Pre-Induction Physical Examination

a. Scope

37. [redacted] the pre-induction physical [redacted] was thorough. 25X1
It was a general checkup which consisted of a chest X-ray, blood test, blood pressure test, eye tests (including one for color blindness), ear and teeth examinations, urinalysis, heart examination, and a reflex check.

b. Basis for Rejection and Deferment

38. In cases where an individual had tuberculosis, a heart ailment, or a physical deformity, he was rejected or deferred from military service. Rejection or deferment, however, was dependent on the degree of illness or disability. An individual who had slight deafness, or whose vision was impaired, was inducted.

Annual Physical Examinations

39. Subsequent physical examinations of EM were conducted annually. [redacted] 25X1

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[redacted] These examinations consisted of a chest X-ray and a general check-up. 25X1

Dispensary Care

40. The dispensary of the 10th Sep. Gd. Bn. had about 10 beds but it could accommodate 10 additional patients, if necessary. EM were kept at the dispensary for such minor illnesses as grippe, colds, and stomach disorders for a period of five to ten days. The dispensary was not equipped to handle any major operations.

Dental Care

41. Preliminary dental examinations were made by the unit doctors at the dispensary but these doctors performed no dental work. EM in need of dental treatment were given authorizations by the doctors to have it performed at the Potsdam hospital. Normally, dental care was very good and EM were allowed time off from duties for dental treatment. [redacted] no EM who was refused or deprived of dental care. 25X1

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42. [redacted]

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Women in the Soviet Army Medical Service

45. [redacted] there were more women than men in the medical units [redacted] women out-numbered men in the Med. Bn. of the 7th Mecz. Div. The women were assigned as doctors, nurses, medical assistants, and janitresses. No further information.

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Unit Medical Personnel

46. In the 10th Sep. Gd. Bn., there were two male doctors. One was the Senior Physician (Starshiy Vrach); the other was the Assistant Physician. Both were lieutenants. There were also four company-aid men in the battalion. All four had the rank of sergeant.

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Water Supply and Water Discipline

48. [redacted] The water was carried by truck in a 300-lit. tank. It was drawn from hydrants in various German towns and cities. In the 10th Sep. Gd. Bn., the Bn. Supply Officer was responsible for water supply and water distribution. [redacted]

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[redacted] salt necessary for the men could have been contained in the salted herring which was part of the diet.

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6. [redacted] Comment: This hospital in Potsdam was moved to an unknown location in winter 1953.

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